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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Lois A. O'Keefe

WHEREAS,

LOIS A. O'KEEFE

passed from this life at the age of 78 on December 21, 2022 and services were held on April 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, *Lois A. O'Keefe was an unwavering labor advocate and a devoted public servant of many decades, having pursued a career of service after receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, both of which she earned while raising four children and working part-time as a reporter for a local newspaper; and*

WHEREAS, *Lois A. O'Keefe, a native of Milwaukee, began her career of public service as an organizer with the Service Employees International Union before joining the office of Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl where she was a tireless advocate for Wisconsin veterans and workers, later leaving Milwaukee when she was appointed the Midwest Regional representative of the Secretary of Labor under the Clinton Administration, after which she served as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs of the U.S. Labor Department; and*

WHEREAS, *Lois A. O'Keefe returned to Milwaukee to finish her career, serving as the director of the REACH program at the Milwaukee Private Industry Council before joining the office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore as District Director and eventually retiring on September 30, 2013, a day which was affectionately proclaimed "Lois O'Keefe Day" by former Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett in recognition of her long and esteemed career; and*

WHEREAS, *Lois A. O'Keefe, wife of 26 years to husband Tom, was the beloved mother of four children, an adored grandmother, and the matriarch of her family; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lois A. O'Keefe who, having lived an exceptional life punctuated by a great many achievements, will be remembered fondly for her profound dedication to public service and advocacy; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Lois A O'Keefe, an outstanding woman, advocate, and confidant to many.*

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II. and Marina Dimitrijevic and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 18, 2023.